Cyber Tips for Parents

The best way to ensure your child’s safety on the Internet is to be there. We know that this is not always possible, so it is important for you to teach your child rules for communicating online.

Some suggested rules for kids:

- Never give your full name, address, telephone number or school name.
- Don’t respond to messages that make you feel uncomfortable.
- Never arrange to meet in person someone you have met online.
- Not everything you see on the Internet is true, always double-check.
- We strongly recommend that you supervise older as well as younger children’s Internet use at home and in the library.

Your Library Card

- To be eligible for library card at the Henry Waldinger Memorial Library, you must be a resident of the Inc. Village of Valley Stream or live in an area which contracts for Valley Stream library services.
- To apply for a library card, you must present two personal proofs of residency.
- Your card will be processed in approximately one week and can be picked up upon presentation of ID.
- Students in Grades K-8 are issued children’s cards. A parent must sign a child’s registration application.
- Your library card is not transferable to another person or family member.
- There is a replacement charge of $2.00 for a lost or destroyed library card. The charge increases with each additional replacement card.
- Your library card entitles you to borrow books from other Nassau Library System libraries as per their rules & procedures.

A Message to Our Patrons

With your library card comes many rights and privileges. You have access to books, films, downloadable media, online resources, and more at the Henry Waldinger Memorial Library. However, you also have responsibilities with your card. Please exercise appropriate behavior in the library so that other people may enjoy its facilities. Take good care of library materials and return them on time so that other people may enjoy them too.

Policies adopted by the Board of Trustees,
Henry Waldinger Memorial Library,
Revised March 19, 2014.
IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW …

The Henry Waldinger Memorial Library is dedicated to helping people to obtain reading material, information and to benefit from library activities. The atmosphere must be conducive to carrying out these functions, therefore, the following are not permitted:

- Disruptive behavior or interfering with other people’s use of the library.
- Physical abuse, including striking another person or other behavior potentially harmful to another person.
- Loitering, congregating and hanging around.
- Smoking in any area, including the vestibules.
- Swearing and loud, abusive and/or threatening language.
- Re-arranging furniture. Only one person per chair.
- Defacing or destroying library material or property.
- Monopolizing the public phones.
- Eating or drinking inside any public areas except the vestibules.
- Disturbing one or more persons by arguing, propagandizing, or preaching.

UNATTENDED CHILDREN POLICY

For your children’s safety and comfort, the library asks that all children below the age of ten be accompanied and supervised by a parent or responsible caregiver (age twelve or over) while using the library.

- Parents or caregivers, not the library staff, are responsible for the behavior and supervision of their children while using the library.
- The library does not assume responsibility for children’s safety or behavior when they are in the library. Children must obey all library rules. Parents should be aware that children age ten and over exhibiting disruptive behavior may be told to leave the library.
- Libraries may have sudden emergencies that cause them to close without advance warning or programs may be cancelled or end early. Parents should advise their children on what to do in these or other unexpected circumstances.
- Parents should be aware of library hours and program ending times.
- Library staff will attempt to contact parents or a responsible caregiver if children under age ten are left unattended. If parents or responsible caregivers are unavailable, proper authorities will be contacted.

UNATTENDED YOUNG ADULTS POLICY

For the safety and comfort of young adults, parents and young adults should be aware of the following library policies:

- Parents or caregivers, not the library staff, are responsible for the behavior and supervision of their young adult children while using the library.
- The library does not assume responsibility for the safety and behavior of young adults when they are in the library. Young adults must obey all library rules.
- Libraries may have sudden emergencies that cause them to close without advance warning or programs may be cancelled or end early. Parents should advise their young adult children on what to do in these or other unexpected circumstances.
- Parents should be aware of library hours and program ending times.